



# LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship

## What is the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship?

This \$2000 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative (AIEC) in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL. It was awarded for the first time in 2011.

## Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

One scholarship a year will be awarded to an individual who is related to a rural electric cooperative employee or director in the State of Illinois; or is the son or daughter of an electric cooperative member in Illinois; or is enrolled in the Lincoln Land lineworker's school; or has served or is serving in the U.S. armed forces or National Guard. The applicant must have a high school diploma or a GED at the time the scholarship is awarded. **(Please see the "LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship Official Rules & Regulations" sheet for all eligibility requirements.)**

## How are the recipients selected?

Scholarships are awarded based on an essay, a biographical statement, and references that will be submitted.

## How does someone apply?

To apply, the applicant must meet the required criteria as outlined in the "Official Rules & Regulations" and complete the scholarship application available from the local electric cooperative office. Each applicant is responsible for submitting all information required to apply for a scholarship by **April 30, 2020**.

For information on the electrical distribution lineworker programs at Lincoln Land Community College, please contact:

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## **LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship**

### **Official Rules & Regulations**

One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded each year.

Scholarship applicant must be

- ❖ A relative of an employee or director of an Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) member electric cooperative ("Relative" is defined as son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, niece, nephew, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, cousin, uncle or aunt); or
- ❖ A son or daughter of an AIEC member electric cooperative member/consumer (who resides in Illinois and is currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted); or
- ❖ A Veteran (defined broadly as someone who has served or is currently serving at the time of application in the active military, naval, or air service, or their Reserve components, including the National and Air National Guard, and was not dishonorably discharged); or
- ❖ A student enrolled in the electric distribution lineworker programs at Lincoln Land Community College.

Scholarship winner must begin the program within a year of receiving the award.

Scholarships are for one year and winners are allowed to reapply.

Scholarships will be awarded based on a short essay, biographical statement, and references.

Deadline for receipt of complete applications and submissions is April 30, 2020.

Scholarship winner will be notified early July 2020.

Winner will be expected to be recognized at the McDonough Power Cooperative Annual Meeting with Mr. McEntire presenting the award (August or September).

Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant for tuition, fees and required equipment in attending Lincoln Land Community College Electrical Distribution Lineworker programs (Electrical Distribution Lineworker Maintenance Certificate; and Electrical Distribution Lineworker Associates in Applied Science).

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# LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship Application

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:** Complete the entire application. You may attach a resume, but you must still complete all questions or your application will be deemed incomplete and may not be considered. Please fill out each box (please don't just indicate "See Resume"). You may attach a separate sheet of paper with your responses if needed.

**Please Print or Type**

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| Name (Last, First, Middle):   |  | Other names under which you have attended school or been employed:  |
| Street Address:   | City, State & Zip:                                       |   |
| Home and/or Cell Phone:   | Work Phone:  | E-mail Address:   |
| Are you a citizen of the United States?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If NO, are you prevented from lawfully becoming employed in this country because of VISA or Immigration status? |
| Are you 18 years of age or older?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If NO, what is your current age?  |
| Have received your high school diploma or your GED certificate?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, name of High school, City/State, and Year of Graduation?  |
| Are you currently employed?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, where and what is your job title?   |
| Are you related to any electric cooperative employee/director?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, their name, which electric cooperative and their relationship to you?                                   |
| Are you the son or daughter of a member of an electric cooperative?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, which electric cooperative?   |
| Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces or National Guard, or are currently serving?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, please provide details, including what branch, dates and locations of service, etc.                     |
| Are you willing to relocate to attend a training school?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |   |
| Do you have a valid driver's license?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, have you obtained your CDL?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                 |
| Do you have prior experience as a lineworker?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, please explain.   |
| Do you have any experience in the electric utility field of work?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, please explain.   |
| Have you been convicted of a felony?<br>(Conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from consideration)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | If YES, please explain.   |
| How did you learn about this scholarship opportunity? Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Land Community College<br><input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Center <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |  |   |

**REFERENCES:** Please list the names of two non-relatives who will serve as your references.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**WORK and VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:** List position held, for what time period, whether volunteer or for-pay. Please do not make any reference to name, county, or home location. (Additional information can be attached.)

**PARTICIPATION in School and Community Activities:** List activities (both school and non-school) in which you have participated, along with years of membership or participation. Please do not make any reference to name, county, or home location. (Additional information can be attached.)

**ESSAY:** 500 words or less in your own words. Your goals and aspirations in the electrical distribution lineworker field.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:**

**Please initial**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that upon graduation I must apply for work at a rural electric cooperative in the State of Illinois for the duration of at least one year (if a position is available).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I do not follow through with the scholarship regulations as outlined by the AIEC I am required to repay, in full, the scholarship amount.

\_\_\_\_\_ In the event I receive the scholarship, I authorize the AIEC to publish my name and/or photo in future promotions of the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the AIEC may inquire about information in my application; my status in the lineworker program; and my obligation to work at a rural electric cooperative in Illinois for one year following my completion of the lineworker program at Lincoln Land Community College.

I/we have examined this application, including accompanying submissions, and to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicant is under the age of 18)